

**SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE FOR Schools/Districts: Colorado Safe Schools Month 2014**

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October 2014 is Colorado Safe Schools Month.

“Earlier this year the legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 14-031 and Governor Hickenlooper officially declared Safe Schools Month in Colorado by signing a proclamation at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

We want to use this opportunity to highlight one of our primary goals: to give our children a safe, positive school environment so that they can be successful academically. To achieve this goal, we ask our community to join students, faculty, staff and parents to commit to being active partners in school safety,” said \_\_\_\_\_, Superintendent of schools (or other spokesperson).

“Safe schools are free of bullying, free of crime and violence, free of weapons, and free of drugs. We ask the whole community to help us ensure that we offer safe schools to every single student,” [he/she] said. “This includes safety on our sidewalks and streets leading to our schools, our buses, our grounds as well as our buildings. We are collaborating with our community partners in this effort.”

[NOTE: this is an optional paragraph. Other suggestions include highlighting efforts your school or district has made in recent months/years. ] Special programs during the week include

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